



ALEXANDRIA, VA.

FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 30

FROM WASHINGTON

A practical confirmation of dispatches from Manila regarding Japanese activity was given out at the War Department today, following the arrival of a special report from Major General Duval, when it was stated in diplomatic language that "no certain information" of the importation of arms and explosives was at hand. The statement was made by a member of the War Department who said that the Philippine division states that there is no indication of a wireless station set up in the Philippines without our authority, and no certain information that arms, ammunition or explosives have been imported.

Four attorneys representing fifty indicted officials of the bathtub trust sought leniency for their clients in exchange for pleas of guilty at the Department of Justice today only to learn that the government, confident of convictions in every case, intended to strain its efforts to send every erring official to jail. Edward T. Grosvenor, one of the trust's leading attorneys, told the government attorneys that the government was in a difficult position, and that the government was in a difficult position, and that the government was in a difficult position.

On the foolish plea that something must be done to relieve Congress of the pressure of private pension claims and care for soldiers of the civil and Mexican wars in their old age, the two pension committees in Congress will try at this session to secure the passage of the Sulloway-McCumber bill raising the pay of soldiers on the age pension list. The estimated cost of carrying the proposed law into effect would be \$45,489,468. The pension appropriation bill which already has passed the House carries about \$158,000,000 and if the Sulloway-McCumber project goes through it will run the pension roll up to nearly \$200,000,000 annually within two years. Forty-five years after the ending of the civil war there are over nine hundred thousand names on the pension list. There were not that many soldiers bearing arms at any time during the war. Now that it is no longer possible to add new names to the rolls by whitewashing deserters, it is gravely proposed to increase the pension rates so as to involve an added expenditure of over \$45,000,000. The pension business has long ago been run into the ground.

Pleas for clemency, it is reported, will be made to the Department of Justice by the indicted members of the so-called "bathtub trust" through their attorneys at a conference to be held in Washington today. This was a bold band of law-breakers, till they were taken in hand by tardy justice. Now they pray for mercy!

The steel manufacturers of the United States will meet in New York January 9 to discuss prices and steel conditions. As these manufacturers are protected by a robber tariff against all comers they of course can fix prices to suit themselves.

Stock Exchanges Seals. New York, Dec. 29.—Every member of the New York Stock Exchange today learned that he was \$25,000 poorer than he thought. This discovery followed the announcement that a seal had been sold on the exchange for \$70,000. At the height of the bull market in 1905, seals were gobbled up at \$85,000, while a year ago they readily brought \$94,000. The low price of \$70,000 was made in selling the seal of the late Samuel J. Seligman to Harold S. Frankheimer. The drop in value is attributed to the failure of the market to make up this winter for the dullness of the spring and summer months.

New York Stock Market.

New York, Dec. 30.—Although a few issues sold at reductions at the opening of the stock market today, the general tone was steady and the leading issues made further substantial gains, selling at a new high range for the week. Increased strength was shown in the last half of the first hour, with aggressive buying from important interests noted in many issues. In the last half of the forenoon the buying movement became less vigorous although the tone held firm.

Many persons find themselves affected with a persistent cough after an attack of influenza. As this cough can be promptly cured by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, it should not be allowed to run until it becomes troublesome. Sold by W. F. Creighton and Richard Gibson.

vanced to \$10,000. The bill provided a total appropriation of \$400,000 for the commission. After his conference with Longworth the president presented the tariff commission situation to today's cabinet meeting.

Reports of a conflict between Haitian and Dominican troops at Commander and the killing of an American receiver of custom named Beall, were received today at the State Department from Minister Burniss at Haiti. The minister says that rumors of a serious conflict on the border are persistent. The Haitian government denied that there has been fighting but continued to send soldiers to the frontier. The Dominican government alleges that Haitian troops under General Fernandez fired on a Dominican guard. Perdomo and the Dominican government has requested that Haitian troops be withdrawn immediately pending a reply from Haiti the Dominicans are also sending troops to the scene of the difficulty. The president of Haiti expects an immediate amicable settlement.

The Supreme Court of the United States with the new Justices Vandevanter and Lamar will make its first official appearance as a body at the White House New Year's reception on Monday. Chief Justice White today invited the two new members to join the court on that occasion although they have not been sworn in as yet. The Chief Justice in pursuance of the time-honored custom today took Justice Lamar to call on each of his future colleagues, to be formally introduced. Justice Vandevanter is expected to arrive here late today, and he will make his formal call tomorrow.

Just as in time of war, as if they were planning a destructive attack upon the United States coast, the Atlantic fleet of sixteen battleships today cut itself off from all communication with shore and started through the English channel. From today, until its arrival at Guantanamo, Cuba, for the winter practice, the fleet will keep its whereabouts a secret. That is, so far as a fleet engaged in a game of ocean hide and seek can conceal its whereabouts. Another fleet of cruisers and scouts which is to play "it." During the progress of the game the fleet will be beyond the reach of the White Department. Both commands are allowed carte blanche as to where they will go and what they will do. All the Navy Department desires of them is results in one of the world's greatest and most unique war games. Rear Admiral Stanton, in command of the scout fleet of seven vessels, may depart from Hampton Roads whenever he pleases to begin the search for the battleship fleet.

Senator George F. Chamberlain, of Oregon, received a telegram today announcing the death of his mother, Mrs. Pamela T. Chamberlain, at Natchez, Miss. Mrs. Chamberlain was 90 years of age. The Senator left for Natchez this afternoon.

A new record for excavation on the Panama canal has been made, according to report to the Isthmian Canal Commission in this city received today. The 45-ton steam shovel at work on the Gatun Spillway excavated in a single eight-hour day 2,448 cubic yards of earth during December. The best previous record for a shovel of this capacity was 1,356 cubic yards. This record has stood since February 5, 1908. As a class the rich may be undesirable, but all the same I am going to join their ranks," declared Richard Parr, deputy collector at the New York Customs House to Secretary McVagh at the treasury today. Farr came to Washington to see about getting \$80,000 the last installment of the \$100,000 reward for exposing sugar trust frauds. He was informed that a warrant for the amount had been mailed to Collector Loeb yesterday. Farr will go back to New York tonight and get his check tomorrow.

Charles P. Taft, of Cincinnati, a brother of the president, with his wife and daughter, Miss Louise Taft, arrived in Washington today to attend the debut of Miss Helen Taft which is to be given tonight. Together with Representative Longworth, Charles P. Taft went over the Cincinnati situation with the president.

THE REPUBLIC OF PORTUGAL

Infant Government Causes Apprehension in Europe—Spain Believed to Be Bent Upon Absorbing Manuel's Country.

London, Dec. 30.—The annexation by Spain of the new-born republic of Portugal is believed today by English officialdom to be imminent in the event that the reported monarchial movement in Portugal reaches the acute stage.

Unofficial advices received today say that Spain in massing troops on the Portuguese frontier with the intention of intervening if the little republic is thrown into war.

Premier Canalejas of Spain is declared to have decided on such a move in the hope that the seizure of Portugal will arouse the patriotism of the Spanish people and check the wave of republicanism that has been sweeping over Spain since its adoption of an anti-clerical policy.

Owing to the Spanish and Portuguese censures, definite news as to the extent of the monarchial movement is meagre. The report that an English warship has been ordered to Lisbon, in response to the request of the English minister there, has not been confirmed. The Portuguese charge d'affaires here has received no news of any movement against the government.

Neither ex-King Manuel, who is still exiled in England, nor the Marquis Soveral, former Portuguese minister to England, who is now here, was accessible today. The Marquis Soveral has been in conference with King George recently at Sandringham.

While English officialdom admits that the provisional government of President Braga, of Portugal, is in a bad way as the result of the failure of the new republic to meet the extravagant demands of the populace for the immediate mitigation of all their troubles, it is believed that an attempt to re-establish the monarchy would plunge the country into civil war. The seizure of Portugal by Spain is considered far more probable than the restoration of the monarchy.

If Spain should intervene it is improbable that England would interfere, as England has sufficient influence at Madrid to shape the developments that would follow. England has a reverent

any interest in Portugal's colonies that she is bound to protect and should Spain prove intractable, following her absorption of Portugal, England would take a firm hand in peninsular affairs.

Any attempt by Spain, however, to wipe out the struggling republic, would in all probability lead to a revolution by the republicans of Spain, who look to the success of the Portuguese republic as the sign of their ultimate triumph. It is this phase of the situation that leads sober Englishmen to believe that the political disorders in Portugal are likely to involve the whole peninsula in revolution.

Disorders have already occurred in a number of places in Portugal in connection with the monarchial movement. President Braga is ordering the arrest of scores of malcontents. He declares that the threat of intervention by Spain will consolidate the people and weld the republic more firmly than ever.

Should the republic be overthrown, the duke of Oporto, uncle of ex-King Manuel, is believed to have the best chance for the throne, although it is certain that Dom Miguel, the pretender, would oppose him. Manuel has already demonstrated his incompetence and it is not believed that he would be restored under any condition.

London, Dec. 30.—A Buerster dispatch from Lisbon says that numerous requests the British and even the Portuguese residence of that city have been made for the dispatch of an English warship to Lisbon in the event of serious disorder.

The Portuguese legation this afternoon issued an official statement that the rumors of a Portuguese conspiracy are due to the arrest in Lisbon of a man charged with spreading revolutionary rumors throughout Portugal.

WAITING FOR MRS. EDDY'S RE-APPEARANCE.

Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, the excommunicated leader of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in New York, said last night that the hour had come when she must stand before the whole world of Christian Science and proclaim her belief in the imminent resurrection in the semblance of human form of Mary Baker E. Eddy, the discoverer of Christian Science, who, as the world believes, died at her home in Newton, Mass., on December 3.

"Mrs. Eddy is not dead," said Mrs. Stetson. "As Jesus Christ revealed himself on the third day after his crucifixion and later was seen by a company of 500, so Mrs. Eddy will be raised from the tomb and will manifest herself to all the world in proof of her teachings that there is no death. With this demonstration of herself in a form that will be visible to all the world, the end of the gospel age will be signaled."

"With Mrs. Eddy will come Christ, the truth, and the millennium, seen by John on Patmos, will be with us. Then will all of faith find that there is no death and those who see and believe will never die."

"I am watching and waiting for the demonstration by Mrs. Eddy of herself in the semblance of human form," said Mrs. Stetson. "It may be today; it may be next week; it may not be until twenty years from now; but even for twenty years I will wait, confident in the ultimate proof by her triumph over death. I know it will come. I know it must come. Nobody but Mrs. Eddy, who is one with Jesus—with the truth—could be the logical person to demonstrate in this hour."

"This demonstration may not be the same as that made by Jesus 2,000 years ago. We know not how conditions may have changed in the present day. There is a tomb in Mount Auburn cemetery which is equipped with a telephone, and which is watched by guards; it is different from the tomb which Joseph of Arimathea secretly put at the disposition of the apostles."

Twice Wedded Same Wife.

Wellington, Kan., Dec. 30.—Miss Park, his wife's first and third husband, is dead here at the age of 80, and the facts of his life came to light today. Park was married in Washington county, O., in 1852. In 1876 he left his wife and three children and went in search of fortune to the Black Hills of Dakota. He was reported killed by Indians. Miner Harrod, a Kansas farmer visiting in Ohio, in 1884, met Park's supposed widow, married her and came to live near here. Park, returning to Ohio in 1901, learned his wife was alive. He did not, however, make known to her the fact that he also was alive until in 1907, when Harrod died. He then came to Kansas, recouped his wife and last year re-married her.

Township Disfranchised.

West Union, O., Dec. 30.—For the next five years, Jefferson township, one of the most populous centers of Adams county, will be without a voter, absolutely every voting citizen in the township having been indicted on charges of selling his vote, and Judge Blair having already begun the task of disfranchising them.

Two more ministers were today added to the list of members of their profession who have been indicted for selling their votes. Evidence showed that they received \$5 each for their votes.

Saves Himself in River.

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 30.—Seizing the overhanging branch of a willow tree, 8-year-old Ruth L., daughter of Harry M. Huber, a prominent south Pottsville grocerman, yesterday morning saved herself from a watery grave.

The little girl started to walk over the Schuylkill river on the ice, which was rotten from the effects of the moderating weather, and broke through into water 10 feet deep. As she was sinking she managed to grasp the willow branch and called for help, and a human chain was formed, which drew the little girl out of the water.

Fire in Messina Under Control.

Messina, Dec. 30.—Fire among the wooden buildings along the harbor was under control today after a loss of approximately \$1,000,000. The post office, telegraph office and railway station were among the buildings destroyed. The fire broke out yesterday, one day after the second anniversary of the calamitous earthquake.

Georgetown Wheat Market.

Georgetown, D. C., Dec. 30.—Wheat 2000

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Census figures show that in density of population Rhode Island leads all the states.

Precipitated into Shoal creek when the ice broke under the weight of his horse and buggy, Judge Milton M. Creighton, of the Montgomery county, Illinois, Circuit Court, of Litchfield, drowned yesterday. Another jurist riding with him escaped.

William F. Sheehan made formal announcement of his candidacy for the United States Senate yesterday in a letter addressed to Mayor Louis F. Fuhrmann, of Buffalo N. Y., who, with other prominent Buffalo democrats, recently endorsed Mr. Sheehan for the seat which will become vacant when the term of Senator Dewey expires, on March 4 next.

E. A. Hamilton, a young farmer living near Laurens, S. C., was found dead at his home yesterday with his head almost completely severed from the body and a bloody axe by his side. His wife, who recently returned home from an insane asylum, is being held by the authorities. She denies all knowledge of the tragedy. Among her hallucinations, before being taken to the asylum, was that she had killed her husband.

That Minor and Oliver Platt, wealthy bachelor brothers, were murdered before their bodies were burned in the destruction of their house at Portsmouth, Ohio, Wednesday, was made apparent at the sheriff's investigation yesterday. Fifteen shots were extracted from the skull of one of the bodies and a number of smaller shots from the other. Blood spots on the ruins of a front door stoop, a bloody butcher knife on a door sill and empty shells near by are among the evidence supporting the theory that a double murder was committed.

A fierce fire, which is believed to be still raging has destroyed the wooden buildings around the harbor at Messina, Sicily. All telegraphic and telephonic communications with Messina have been interrupted. Among the burning buildings are the postoffice, the telegraphic office, and the railway station. When the boat was dispatched from Messina the fire was making rapid progress. Troops had been called out to keep the flames from spreading to all parts of the town. No fear was entertained at that time for the American quarter, which is about a mile from where the fire started.

Tragedies in Washington yesterday cost four lives. One man, Wm. Lerch, committed suicide by shooting; another, Leo Fishel, a son of a well-known merchant, shot himself accidentally while cleaning a revolver and died at Emergency Hospital at 1:50 o'clock this morning, and two colored girls, Florence Thomas and Edith Copeland, died as the result of inhaling illuminating gas while asleep in their room. The life of another would-be suicide, Llewellyn Miller, jr., was saved by the timely arrival of his father.

UNREST IN PORTUGAL.

Has the republican administration of Portugal broken down, after barely three months' existence? Statements of considerable definiteness reached Paris last night suggesting that the question can be answered affirmatively. It is asserted, among other things, that the British minister at Lisbon has telegraphed to his government that a warship be sent there immediately; that the provisional government is no longer able to rely on the army and navy, and that three cruisers have consequently been sent away from Lisbon on various pretexts.

The news of the anti-monarchical outbreaks on October 1 first reached the world by way of Paris, and the fact that last night's reports are given credence by the sober Temps adds weight to them. The Temps' news, in addition to stating there is dissatisfaction in the army and navy, mentions the restlessness of the working classes, who are bitter against the government, and are making demands that it is impossible for the latter to satisfy.

It is also reported that the administration has discovered that a secret society is plotting to restore the monarchy, and that the ringleaders have been arrested.

JOLT FOR TAFT IN HOUSE.

Cy Sulloway, of New Hampshire, the tallest republican in Congress and as thoroughly republican as he is tall, handed an awful jolt to President Taft's idea of "scientific" or by tariff commission, revision for the tariff yesterday. The jolt did not come as response to impetuosity, but was spontaneously volunteered, even forced upon the public. Another statesman had used the expression in conversation in the hearing of the New Hampshire statesman, and the tall sycamore of New England said:

"Scientific revision" is a piece ofarrant nonsense. Even the term, "scientific revision," is painful to me. It is the most nonsensical expression. What is scientific revision? It is just this, and no more.

"We figure what is the difference in the cost of production here and abroad. We frame a tariff law to meet that difference. Tomorrow along comes the German or some other foreign manufacturer and reduces or raises his wage scale. Where's what is 'scientific revision' then? 'Scientific revision' can be 'scientific' only over night."

CHRISTMAS MURDER.

Col. Joseph Button, state insurance commissioner, who has returned to Richmond from a visit at his home in Appomattox county, tells of a Christmas murder [there. Meloney Ferguson, a negro, was shot through the body and killed by a 14-year-old boy, McKinley Megginson. The young murderer is in jail. Colonel Button says the negroes largely go armed in his home county and that many white men are forced to carry arms in order not to be at a disadvantage. He says a large hawk flew over a saloon where several negroes were loitering, when 20 revolvers were at once drawn, and the firing was on. The evening before Colonel Button left for Richmond two negroes engaged in a fight near the post-office, when one was felled by a blow from an axe handle. The other fled, and as he ran a 12-year-old negro boy drew a revolver and opened fire on him.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

A marriage license was issued in Washington yesterday to Joseph R. Comer, of Fauquier county, and Nita Embrey, of Culpeper.

Rev. Alexander Stuart Gibson, rector of Meade parish, Loudoun county, has declined the call recently extended him to the Church of the Messiah, in Texas.

Rev. John Hollowell Dickinson, rector of the Church of the Holy Comforter, Richmond, has accepted a call to the rectorship of St. Stephen's Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina, and will enter upon his new duties January 15.

Rev. Frank Mezik, rector of Nelson parish, Nelson county, in the Diocese of Southern Virginia, has been called to the rectorship of Overthornton parish, Stafford county, in succession to Rev. E. B. Bunwell, now of Meade parish, Loudoun county.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jones, about two miles from Boyce, in Clarke county, was totally destroyed by fire, about 2 o'clock Monday night. The loss is partially covered by insurance. Little of the furniture was saved. The fire was supposed to have started in a vacant servant's apartment, started to have been purely accidental. Fortunately, Mr. and Mrs. Jones and their four small boys escaped.

The store of Fletcher Brothers, agent for the Southern Express Company, at Warrenton, was broken into Wednesday night and the cash drawers robbed. The vault and safe containing the express funds were tampered with, but not opened. The bars of an iron grating over a window were bent in and the bricks torn out. So far there is no clue to the burglar, nor any certain knowledge of the amount taken or what merchandise is missing.

WETS TO HAVE CONTEST.

At the expiration of the limit, that the "wets" fled notices at Suffolk the local option election of December 19 would be contested, and the city was greatly surprised. Half a dozen notices were posted about the city yesterday afternoon and a long declaration was filed by Rudolph Hicks, an attorney of Norfolk. Some of the grounds for contest are alleged illegal registration, the intimidation of voters, the violation of the secrecy of the ballot, the contention that in three wards the ballot boxes were on the second floor out of the public view, the absence of the voting booths, the congregation of crowds within 40 feet of the polling places and the charge that copies of ballots were allowed to be reproduced on banners.

The contest is directed chiefly against the First, Third and Fourth wards. In the Second, which gave a "wet" majority, the voting was on the first floor. An exhibit containing the names of 76 men who are alleged to have been illegally registered and voted "dry" is appended to the declaration. The complainants contend that they have all the grounds which are being used by the "drys" in Lynchburg and then some. The contest likely will come to trial at the February term of the City Circuit Court. Since constitutional questions are involved it is said the contest may be taken to the Court of Appeals. On the face of the returns Suffolk went "dry" by 55.

SUSPECTED OF MURDER.

Trailed to their home by blood spots on the ground leading from the scene of the crime, Mitchell Garland, 70 years old, a veteran of the civil war, and his son, M. J. Garland, jr., 35, were arrested yesterday at Hampton, for the murder of a negro, Jessie Banks, and are being held for a hearing. The Banks woman was murdered at Phoebus Wednesday night and her body was found in a vacant lot yesterday. The trail of blood led directly from the spot to the room of M. J. Garland. Marks on her throat showed that she had been choked, besides others denoting beating. The two Garlands have refused to make any statement regarding the crime or charge but the police say they have decidedly strong evidence against the men.

WHITE HOUSE DANCE.

Nothing in the way of decorations has surpassed those which are now in place in the state apartments for the dance which the president and Mrs. Taft are to give in honor of their debutante daughter, Miss Helen Taft, tonight. The East Room, where the dance will be held, is garlanded with Christmas wreaths and holly with festoons of green from the large crystal chandeliers and out from this room a temporary addition has been made on the east esplanade, for the Marine Band, which will play for the dancers. The large bow window at the east side, before which Mrs. Nicholas Longworth was to be married and before which Nellie Grant was also married, has been removed for the time being and there will be sufficient space for the volume of sound. About a thousand invitations have been sent out. Mrs. Taft and Miss Helen Taft will receive in the Blue Parlor and the guests will proceed through the Green Room and corridor to the East Room. Cap. Butt will make the presentations to the hostess and her daughter.

Among the company, which will include young people from the diplomatic, official and army and navy sets, there will be several prominent young people from other cities.

FINDS HIDDEN GOLD MINE.

In the hills near Oakland, Cal., George W. May, jr., of Newark, N. J., has found gold in a shaft that was sunk by his father forty years ago. The father was driven from his claim by force, but not before he had convinced himself that there was treasure in the ground. When he was compelled to quit he filled in the shaft, and concealed the place that he had dug. The son, who had often heard his father tell of the supposed gold ledge, recently went to Oakland and bought two acres of land including the old shaft. He claims to have found ore that bears out his parent's glowing tales.

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Enormous Bait Demanded.

London, Dec. 30.—The enormous bait of \$100,000 was today demanded of Edward Mylius, editor of the revolutionary paper "The Liberator," published in Paris. Mylius was unable to furnish this bait and he will have to remain in jail until his trial.

The size of the bait indicates that the government believes it has a good case against Mylius. Edwin Holton James, nephew of the no-elit and a rich Harvard graduate, is the publisher of "The Liberator," the chief purpose of which is the promotion of the revolutionary spirit in England.

Marine Firemen Strike.

New York, Dec. 30.—As the result of the strike of marine firemen employed on the municipal ferry system between Manhattan and Staten Island and Manhattan and South Brooklyn all of the city owned ferries boats are idle today. The strike came without warning and the boats were tied up at their wharves, leaving the hundreds who make the trip daily between the two points without means of transportation.

The War in Honduras.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 30.—The capture of Malpas, the mountain stronghold of the revolutionists in Chihuahua, and the death of Col. Cuernavaca from wounds sustained in another recent battle, are confirmed today in messages from private interests in Chihuahua.

The rebels were routed yesterday when General Escudero, with a detachment of less than two hundred men, attacked Malpas. It is reported that 14 Diaz soldiers were killed in the attack. The rebels abandoned their stronghold with even smaller loss.

Accident to an Aviator.

Paris, Dec. 30.—Lieut. De Caumont, an aviator, was probably fatally injured today in the 150 foot fall of a monoplane which he was testing in a flight over the maneuvering grounds at St. Cyr. Both legs were broken, his hip crushed and serious internal injuries influenced.

Destructive Fire Raging.

Altoona, Pa., Dec. 30.—The business section of Philadelphia is threatened with destruction which started in the Schoonover early today. This block, in which the Bell Telephone exchange is located, the Philadelphia Opera House is a mass of flames.

Oscoda, Tyrone, Clearlake, and Dale have been asked for help. Shortage of water prevents clearing work by the firemen.

At 10 o'clock today the fire was blazing fiercely and with the driving west wind fanning the flames, it seemed certain that nothing could save the downtown section. A conservative estimate at that hour placed the loss at more than \$30,000.

Assisted by the men and apparatus sent from nearby towns, the firemen got the blaze under control shortly before noon. The total damage was placed at \$75,000. Several of the fire fighters were slightly injured.

Villages Wrecked by Earthquakes.

Athens, Greece, Dec. 30.—Fragments reports received today from the province of Elis, on the southwest coast of Greece, indicate that several villages were wrecked by yesterday's earthquake and that hundreds of people have been rendered homeless. It is feared that many have been killed. Owing to the interruption of telegraph communication, details are lacking.

A Fortunate "Vagabond."

New York, Dec. 30.—For the next twelve months the prisoners on Blackwell Island may have their fortunes altered at reduced rates, as an even dozen of the southsayers arrested in a raid of Wednesday night took up their enforced abode there today. Magistrate Kemper, who doesn't believe much in the power of an Oriental garb and a pack of cards to read the future, sentenced the dozen to serve a year. Twenty-nine other palmists had their cases postponed.

Church Business Heads.

Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—That all city churches need business managers as well as pastors was the theory advanced by J. E. McAfee, associate secretary of the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church, at a conference of lay workers yesterday.

According to Mr. McAfee the laymen in the Presbyterian Church are not allowed to take a sufficiently active part in the executive organization of the churches. This, he said, was bad for the ministers, who were thus burdened with an infinite number of details, curtailing their time for spiritual affairs, and the laymen were driven almost to the verge of rebellion. "There are more than two thousand out of the ten thousand existing Presbyterian churches now without a permanent pastor," he added, "many being vacant because no man will assume the enormous burden connected with being their pastor."

Sailing of the U. S. Fleet.

Portland, Eng., Dec. 30.—As its own hands played "God Save the King," and the bands of the British home fleet "Auld Lang Syne" and "The Star Spangled Banner," the second division of the American battleship fleet sailed today to join the other divisions mobilized in the English channel preparatory to sailing for Guantanamo. The home fleet gave the American ships a rousing farewell and drew up in a double line, through which the American ships passed.

Broke World's Record.

Buc, France, Dec. 30.—By remaining in the air eight hours and five minutes, Maurice Tabuteau, flying in an aeroplane constructed by Maurice Farman, today broke all world's records for distance, covered in one flight, flying 362 miles and taking the lead in the contest for the 1910 Michelin cup, and prize of \$4,000.

Lower Court Sustained.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 30.—Sustaining in every particular the opinion of Judge Ten Eyck adjudging that Caroline B. Martin, charged with murder with the Snead bath tub case, is not insane within the meaning of the act of July 8, 1906, Justice Swartz today denied the application for a writ of certiorari to review the order of the Essex Court of common pleas. Justice Swartz held to be constitutional the act of 1906 providing for an inquiry into the sanity of prisoners, but pointed out that properly construed the act was not designed to change the long established rule of criminal responsibility.

"Gun Men" Disarmed.

New York, Dec. 30.—There is peace today among the Tonga, not only in New York, but all over the United States. The "gun men" have been disarmed and ordered back to the laundry tubs. The highlanders must seek honest employment; they will no longer be permitted to maim and slay. The pact was signed last night in the headquarters of the On Leongs, in Mott street.

In the centre of the low-ceilinged room stood a high round table, about which were grouped the head men of the two Tonga, in bright red robes. About them stood forty Chinese merchants, preachers and students, together with the minor officials of the Tonga. At each end of the room stood two altars of the God of war, before whose wringed form burned